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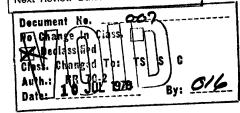
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- French Communist leaders have been informed by Georges Cogniot, French editor of the Cominform journal "For a Lasting Peace, for a People's Democracy", that Soviet officials in Prague and Cominform circles believe a rapprochement between East and West Germany is crystallizing. Minister-President Otto Grotewohl's official proposals to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, they say, continue to be pushed unofficially by the entourages of both men.
- At a recent meeting of the "general secretariat" of the Cominform, allegedly held in Prague\*, Mikhail A. Suslov, editor in chief of Prayda, intimated that Grotewohl has been authorized to spread a runor in Berlin to the effect that the Soviet Union would back a request by a unified German government for the return of the eastern territories now occupied by Poland.
- Cogniot also transmitted the information that military action is inevitable if and when dirlomatic means fail to solve the current problems.

Comment: There is no proof that the general secretariat of the Cominform exists, that a Cominform neeting was recently held in Prague, or that Suslov 25X1A has visited Frague this fall.

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